

II. Amendment To The Specification

Without prejudice or disclaimer, please amend the Brief Description of the Drawings section of the Specification beginning at page 6 as follows:

"Brief Description of the Drawings

The patent or application file contains at least one drawing executed in color. Copies of this patent or patent application publication with color drawing(s) will be provided by the Office upon request and payment of the necessary fee.

Figures 1[-I]A through 1[-V]E are electronic images of dot blot assays used to examine the specificity of PNA oligomers for certain target organisms of a bacterial species.

Figures 2[-I]A through 2[-IV]D are electronic images of dot blot assays used to examine the specificity of PNA oligomers for certain target organisms of a bacterial genus.

Figures 3[I]A through 3[IV]D are individual or composite digital images of the same section of a sample slide of bacteria hybridized with PNA probes wherein the PNA probes are independently detectable. The images were obtained using a fluorescent microscope and three different commercially available light filters. Figure 3[I]A is the image obtained using a Green filter; Image 3[-II]B is the image obtained using a Red filter, Figure 3[-III]C is the image obtained using a Blue filter and Figure 3[-IV]D is a digital composite of Images 3[-II]B and 3[-III]C."